# SENATE TO MEET AT 11:00 A.M. TODAY

NO. 10

# **CALENDAR**

OF THE

# **SENATE**

OF THE

# STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



**REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009** 

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009

#### JOINT ASSEMBLY

H. 3225--Reps. Delleney, Clemmons and Mack: CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 5, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2009; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM THAT EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2010, AND THE SUBSEQUENT FULL TERM THAT EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2016; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2009; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM THAT EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2012; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2009; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT. SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2009; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2009; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 1, TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM THAT EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2009, AND THE SUBSEQUENT FULL TERM THAT EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2015; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 2. WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2009; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2009; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 4. WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2009; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 5, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2009; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 6, TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM THAT EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2009, AND THE SUBSEQUENT FULL TERM THAT EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2015: TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 7, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2009; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 8, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JUNE 20, 2009: TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 9, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2009; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 10, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2009; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM THAT EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 6, TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM THAT EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2010, AND THE SUBSEQUENT FULL TERM THAT EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2016; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 4, TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM THAT EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2010, AND THE SUBSEQUENT FULL TERM THAT EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2015.

(Adopted--February 3, 2009)

#### **INVITATIONS**

#### Thursday, February 5, 2009, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Members of the Senate, clerks and attaches, Breakfast, Room 112 Blatt, by the ASSOCIATION OF COSMETOLOGY SALON PROFESSIONALS AND SC ASSOCIATION OF COSMETOLOGY SCHOOLS

(Accepted--January 27, 2009)

# Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 1:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate, South Carolina Arts Advocacy Day Luncheon, Capital City Club, by the **SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS ALLIANCE** (Accepted--January 27, 2009)

# Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate, "Old Fashioned Barbeque", Clarion Town House Hotel, by the SC SUPREME COURT JUSTICES, COURT OF APPEALS, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES, FAMILY COURT JUDGES AND THE MASTER-IN-EQUITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Accepted--January 27, 2009)

# Wednesday, February 11, 2009, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Members of the Senate, clerks and attaches, Breakfast, Room 112 Blatt, by the SC SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (Accepted--January 27, 2009)

#### Wednesday, February 11, 2009, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate, clerks and attaches, Barbecue Luncheon, Room 112 Blatt, by the **SC ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION** (Accepted--January 27, 2009)

#### Thursday, February 12, 2009, 8:00 a.m.

Members of the Senate, clerks and attaches, Breakfast, Room 112 Blatt, by the **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF SC, INC.** 

(Accepted--January 27, 2009)

### Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate, Reception, Clarion Town House Hotel by the SC CREDIT UNION LEAGUE, INC.

(Accepted--January 27, 2009)

## Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Members of the Senate, clerks and attaches, Reception, Columbia Museum of Art, by the **SC TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION** (Accepted--January 27, 2009)

## Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate, Reception, Clarion Town House Hotel, by the AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF SC, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS AND SC SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

(Accepted--January 27, 2009)

### Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Members of the Senate, clerks and attaches, Breakfast, Room 112 Blatt, by the **MARCH OF DIMES, SC CHAPTER** (Accepted--January 27, 2009)

## Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate, Luncheon, Room 112 Blatt, by the

SC CONSORTIUM FOR GIFTED EDUCATION

(Accepted--January 27, 2009)

## Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate, Reception, Columbia Marriott Hotel, by the MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Accepted--January 27, 2009)

## Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate, clerks and attaches, Reception, Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, by the **ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES OF SC, INC.** 

(Accepted--January 27, 2009)

#### Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate, Reception, Columbia Marriott, by the **SC REALTORS** 

(Accepted--January 27, 2009)

# Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Members of the Senate, Breakfast, Room 112 Blatt, by the

SC NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

(Accepted--January 27, 2009)

### Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate, Luncheon, Room 112 Blatt, by the

# SC CHILDCARE ASSOCIATION

(Accepted--January 27, 2009)

# Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate, clerks and attaches, Reception, Clarion Town House Hotel by the AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL

(Accepted--January 27, 2009)

# Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate, clerks and attaches, Reception, Embassy Suites Hotel by the **SC ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES** (Accepted--January 27, 2009)

# Thursday, February 25, 2009, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Members of the Senate, clerks and attaches, Breakfast, Room 112 Blatt, by the **SC CANCER ALLIANCE** 

(Accepted--January 27, 2009)

# UNCONTESTED LOCAL THIRD READING BILLS

S. 326--Senators Davis and Pinckney: A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO IMPOSE AN IMPACT FEE ON ANY DEVELOPER FOR EACH NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT CONSTRUCTED BY THE DEVELOPER WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUNDS MAY ONLY BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC **EDUCATION** FACILITIES FOR GRADES K-12 WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON EXISTING OR NEW BONDS ISSUED BY THE DISTRICT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE IMPACT FEE SHALL BE SET AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE COST THAT EACH ADDITIONAL DWELLING UNIT

# IMPOSES ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES.

(Without reference--January 28, 2009) (Read the second time--January 29, 2009)

327--Senator Pinckney: A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO IMPOSE AN IMPACT FEE ON ANY DEVELOPER FOR EACH NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT CONSTRUCTED BY THE DEVELOPER WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUNDS MAY ONLY BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES FOR GRADES K-12 WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON EXISTING OR NEW BONDS ISSUED BY THE DISTRICT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE IMPACT FEE SHALL BE SET AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE COST THAT EACH ADDITIONAL DWELLING UNIT IMPOSES ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES.

> (Without reference--January 28, 2009) (Read the second time--January 29, 2009)

# UNCONTESTED LOCAL SECOND READING BILLS

S. 236--Senator Ford: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 340 OF 1967, AS AMENDED, ACT 924 OF 1970, AS AMENDED, ACT 245 OF 1979, AS AMENDED, ACT 523 OF 1982, AND ACT 580 OF 1984, ALL RELATING TO THE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF TRUSTEES IN CHARLESTON COUNTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF TRUSTEES MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES; TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS SERVING ON THE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE UNTIL THEIR TERMS END AND UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE

APPOINTED BY THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES; AND TO REPEAL ACT 397 OF 1973 AND SECTION 2 OF ACT 231 OF 1983, BOTH RELATING TO ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF TRUSTEES IN CHARLESTON COUNTY.

(Without reference--January 13, 2009)
(Senators McConnell (WV-27.77) and Pinckney(WV-4.45)
desire to be present.)

H. 3108--Rep. Hosey: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 201 OF 1993, RELATING TO PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY MEMBERS OF THE WILLISTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 29 BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN BARNWELL COUNTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT NO MORE THAN TWELVE SPECIAL MEETINGS MAY BE HELD IN ONE CALENDAR YEAR.

(Without reference--January 15, 2009)

#### MOTION PERIOD

#### STATEWIDE THIRD READING BILLS

S. 4--Senators McConnell, Campsen, Rose, Bryant, Elliott, Peeler, Bright, Campbell, Ford, Knotts, Davis and Setzler: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHER PROTECTION ACT OF 2009", BY ADDING

SECTION 59-25-900, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TEACHER MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST A STUDENT WHO COMMITS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AGAINST THE TEACHER IF THE OFFENSE OCCURS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS OR AT A SCHOOL-RELATED EVENT, OR IF THE OFFENSE IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE **TEACHER'S PROFESSIONAL** RESPONSIBILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO TEACHER HAS CIVIL LIABILITY TO A STUDENT OR TO A PARTY ACTING IN THE INTEREST OF THE STUDENT FOR AN ACT OR OMISSION BY THE TEACHER THAT OCCURS WHILE THE TEACHER IS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL; AND TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-612, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF A STUDENT COMMITTING ASSAULT AND BATTERY AGAINST A PERSON AFFILIATED WITH A SCHOOL IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY, SO AS TO REDEFINE INTO THREE OFFENSES WITH SEPARATE PENALTIES FOR EACH, INCLUDING ESTABLISHING THE MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE AS A FELONY.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2009) (Reported by Committee on Judiciary--January 28, 2009) (Favorable) (Amended--January 29, 2009) (Amended--February 3, 2009) (Read the second time--February 3, 2009)

#### STATEWIDE SECOND READING BILLS

S. 1--Senators McConnell, Peeler, Leatherman, Sheheen, Rose, Courson, Elliott, Massey, Hayes, Davis, Bright, Campsen, Campbell, L. Martin, Knotts and Alexander: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT SECTION 7, ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO REQUIREMENT FOR THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO HAVE BUDGET **PROCESSES** DESIGNED TO KEEP REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES THE LIMITATION BALANCE. ON STATE APPROPRIATIONS, AND THE LIMITATIONS ON STATE EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO DELETE THE EXISTING STATE

SPENDING LIMITATION AND REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REPLACE IT BY A LAW IMPOSING AN ANNUAL LIMIT ON THE APPROPRIATION OF STATE GENERAL FUND REVENUES BY ADJUSTING SUCH REVENUES BY A ROLLING TEN-YEAR AVERAGE IN ANNUAL CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND REVENUES; TO ALLOW THE CREATION OF A BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO WHICH MUST BE CREDITED ALL GENERAL FUND REVENUES IN EXCESS OF THE ANNUAL LIMIT; AND **PROVIDE** BY **GENERAL LAW** FOR APPROPRIATIONS TO WHICH THE LIMIT APPLIES, THE METHOD OF AND SOURCES FOR CALCULATING THE LIMIT: AND TO **PROVIDE FOR** THE **FROM** THE DISBURSEMENTS BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2009) (Reported by Committee on Judiciary--January 28, 2009) (Favorable) (Senator Sheheen desires to be present.)

S. 13--Senators Leatherman, Elliott and Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-910 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE FEES, TO PROVIDE THAT FEES BE PLACED IN THE STATE HIGHWAY ACCOUNT OF THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK INSTEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2009) (Reported by Committee on Transportation--January 28, 2009) (Favorable)

S. 103--Senators Grooms, Campsen and Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 57-5-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE GENERAL COMPOSITION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL HIGHWAYS IN THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM MUST BE BUILT ACCORDING TO STATE STANDARDS; TO AMEND SECTION 57-5-70, RELATING TO ADDITIONS TO THE STATE HIGHWAY SECONDARY SYSTEM, TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADD COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL ROADS TO THE STATE

HIGHWAY SYSTEM WHEN NECESSARY FOR THE INTERCONNECTIVITY OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM; TO AMEND SECTION 57-5-80, RELATING TO THE DELETION AND REMOVAL OF ROADS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY SECONDARY SYSTEM, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ROADS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY **SYSTEM** WHEN A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY. SCHOOL. OR **OTHER** GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY AGREES TO ACCEPT THE ROAD INTO ITS OWN HIGHWAY SYSTEM; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 57-5-90, RELATING TO BELT LINES AND SPURS.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2009)

(Reported by Committee on Transportation--January 28, 2009)

(Favorable)

(Senators Leventis, Knotts, Grooms and Thomas desire to be present.)

S. 146--Senators Campsen, Rose and Ford: A BILL TO AMEND THE 1976 CODE BY ADDING SECTION 20-3-240 TO ENACT THE "FAMILY COURT FINANCIAL PRIVACY **PROVIDE THAT** A FINANCIAL DECLARATION MADE A PART OF THE RECORD IN A MATTER BEFORE THE FAMILY COURT MUST BE SEALED, TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO A FINANCIAL DECLARATION UPON REQUEST ONLY BY THE PARTIES, THE COURT AND PERSONNEL OF THE COURT, AND THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF THE **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL** SERVICES, AND TO PROHIBIT OTHER ACCESS EXCEPT UPON ORDER OF THE COURT FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN; AND TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-40, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE FREEDOM OF **INFORMATION** ACT, TO **EXEMPT** FINANCIAL DECLARATIONS IN MATTERS BEFORE THE FAMILY COURT EXCEPT ON ORDER OF THE COURT FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2009)

(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--January 28, 2009)

(Favorable)

(Senator Malloy desires to be present.)

S. 156--Senators Campsen, Rose, Elliott, Davis, Bright Ford and **Knotts: A BILL TO AMEND THE 1976 CODE TO ENACT** THE "JUDICIAL ELECTIONS REFORM ACT" **AMENDING SECTION** 2-19-70, RELATING TO PLEDGING, TO PROHIBIT A PERSON OR JUDICIAL CANDIDATE FROM DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY SEEKING THE PLEDGE OF A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING SCREENING FOR ANY JUDICIAL OFFICE UNTIL THE OUALIFICATIONS OF ALL THE CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN DETERMINED BY THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION **COMMISSION** THE AND **COMMISSION** HAS FORMALLY RELEASED ITS REPORT.

> (Read the first time--January 13, 2009) (Reported by Committee on Judiciary--January 28, 2009) (Favorable)

(Senators Malloy and Sheheen desire to be present.)

191--Senators McConnell, Campsen, Sheheen, Ford, Rose, Campbell and Knotts: A BILL TO ENACT THE SOUTH CAROLINA REDUCTION OF RECIDIVISM ACT OF 2009, TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY REDUCE RECIDIVISM RATES, APPREHEND CRIMINAL AND PROTECT **VICTIMS FROM POTENTIAL CRIMINAL ENTERPRISES**; TO **PROVIDE THAT YOUTHFUL** OFFENDERS AND OTHER INMATES MUST AGREE TO BE SUBJECT TO SEARCH OR SEIZURE WITH OR WITHOUT A SEARCH WARRANT AND WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE AS A CONDITION OF RELEASE, SUPERVISED FURLOUGH, OR PAROLE. **{ABBREVIATED TITLE}** 

> (Read the first time--January 13, 2009) (Reported by Committee on Judiciary--January 28, 2009) (Favorable) (Senator Scott desires to be present.)

S. 126--Senators Sheheen and Elliott: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-1910, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL LICENSE TAGS TO CERTAIN HANDICAPPED PERSONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "HANDICAPPED", DELETE THE TERM "LICENSE TAG"

AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "LICENSE PLATE". AND TO REVISE THE CRITERIA FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE PLATE; TO AMEND SECTION RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THE 56-3-1950, TERM "HANDICAPPED", AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT A LICENSED PHYSICIAN SHALL CERTIFY THAT A PERSON'S TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY SUBSTANTIALLY IMPAIRS HIS ABILITY TO WALK. SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "HANDICAPPED" AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF A PERSON WHO IS TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-1960, RELATING TO FREE PARKING FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, AND THE ISSUANCE AND DISPLAY OF HANDICAPPED LICENSE PLATES AND PLACARDS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF HANDICAPPED LICENSE PLATES, AND TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE CONTENT. AND **ISSUANCE** PROCEDURE, **DISPLAY OF** HANDICAPPED PLACARDS: TO AMEND SECTION RELATING TO **MUNICIPALITIES** 56-3-1965. DESIGNATING PARKING SPACES FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PROCEDURES THAT ALLOW A HANDICAPPED PERSON TO PARK IN METERED OR TIMED PARKING PLACES WITHOUT BEING SUBJECT TO PARKING FEES OR FINES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-2010, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO ALSO **OUALIFIES IS OUALIFIED TO RECEIVE THIS LICENSE** PLATE AND A HANDICAPPED LICENSE PLATE MAY BE ISSUED A PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATE THAT **INCLUDES** DECAL **THAT CONTAINS** A THE INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL OF ACCESS.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2009)
(Reported by Committee on Transportation--February 3, 2009)
(Favorable)

S. 12--Senators Leatherman, Alexander, O'Dell, Cleary, Leventis, Elliott and Lourie: A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA TAXATION REALIGNMENT

COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMMISSION'S MEMBERSHIP, POWERS, **DUTIES,** AND **THAT** RESPONSIBILITIES, TO **PROVIDE** THE COMMISSION MUST CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE STATE'S TAX SYSTEM AND SUBMIT A REPORT OF ITS RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE **MAINTAINING FURTHER** GOAL **OF** AND ENHANCING THE **STATE** AS AN**OPTIMUM** COMPETITOR IN THE **EFFORT** TO **ATTRACT** BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS TO LOCATE, LIVE, WORK, AND INVEST IN THE STATE, AND TO PROVIDE **FOR PROCEDURES GOVERNING** THE CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION RESULTING FROM THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2009) (Reported by Committee on Finance--February 4, 2009) (Favorable with amendments)

132--Senators Sheheen and Ford: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-175 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LENDER WHO DELIVERS AN UNSOLICITED CHECK TO A PERSON MUST DISCLOSE THAT THE CHECK SECURES A LOAN, THE TERMS OF THE LOAN, AND NOTICE THAT BY NEGOTIATING THE CHECK THE RECIPIENT HAS **ENTERED INTO LOAN** A AGREEMENT, TO **PROVIDE PROTECTION AND FOR** INTENDED **PAYEES** RECOURSE UNSOLICITED CHECK IS CASHED FRAUDULENTLY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS AN UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE AND TO SUBJECT **APPROPRIATE PENALTIES** ENFORCEMENT.

> (Read the first time--January 13, 2009) (Reported by Committee on Judiciary--February 4, 2009) (Favorable with amendments)

S. 155--Senators Campsen, Rose and Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, TITLE 20 OF THE 1976 CODE BY ADDING ARTICLE 33 TO ENACT THE "MILITARY PARENT EQUAL PROTECTION ACT", TO PROVIDE THAT A MILITARY PARENT'S MILITARY SERVICE SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED A CHANGE IN

CIRCUMSTANCE FOR PURPOSES OF CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION, TO **PROVIDE THAT** THE **CUSTODIAL NON-MILITARY PARENT MUST** REASONABLY **ACCOMMODATE** THE **MILITARY** PARENT'S LEAVE SCHEDULE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE **COURT** MAY **HOLD** AN**EXPEDITED** TEMPORARY HEARING TO ENSURE THAT THE MILITARY PARENT HAS ACCESS TO A MINOR CHILD. TO PROVIDE THAT ANY INCREASE DECREASE **EARNING CAPACITY DUE** TO IN MILITARY **SERVICE** IS NOT **CONSIDERED** PERMANENT CHANGE; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 15, BY ADDING SECTION 15-1-340, TO PROVIDE THAT A SERVICE MEMBER ENTITLED TO A STAY PURSUANT TO THE SERVICE MEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT MAY SEEK RELIEF AND PROVIDE TESTIMONY BY **ELECTRONIC MEANS UNDER CERTAIN** CONDITIONS.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2009) (Reported by Committee on Judiciary--February 4, 2009) (Favorable with amendments)

184--Senators McConnell and Ford: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-27-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO A PERSON WHO BUYS JUNK, SO AS TO REQUIRE A PERSON WHO BUYS JUNK THAT CONSISTS OF TWENTY-FIVE POUNDS OF SCRAP METAL OR VEHICLE PARTS TO KEEP WITH THE RECORD OF PURCHASE A PHOTOCOPY OF THE **SELLER'S DRIVER'S LICENSE** OR **OTHER** GOVERNMENT ISSUED PICTURE IDENTIFICATION CARD THAT SHOWS THE SELLER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: TO AMEND SECTION 40-27-40, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING PROVISIONS OF THE JUNK DEALER ARTICLE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE FINE FROM A MAXIMUM OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND TO ESTABLISH THAT EACH VIOLATION CONSTITUTES A SEPARATE OFFENSE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-5670, RELATING TO A DEMOLISHER PURCHASING OR ACQUIRING A VEHICLE TO DEMOLISH, SO AS TO REQUIRE A DEMOLISHER THAT ACQUIRES A VEHICLE OR VEHICLE PARTS WITH A TOTAL WEIGHT OF

TWENTY-FIVE POUNDS OR MORE TO KEEP A PHOTOCOPY OF THE SELLER'S DRIVER'S LICENSE **GOVERNMENT ISSUED PICTURE** IDENTIFICATION CARD THAT SHOWS THE SELLER'S NAME AND ADDRESS AND TO ESTABLISH THAT A **VIOLATION** OF **THOSE PROVISIONS** MISDEMEANOR WITH A FINE NO MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE OR NOT EXCEEDING FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE SAME SET OF TRANSACTIONS OR IMPRISONED FOR MORE THAN SIXTY DAYS, WITH VIOLATION CONSTITUTING A SEPARATE OFFENSE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-5945, RELATING TO A DEMOLISHER OBTAINING A VEHICLE TITLE, SO AS TO REQUIRE A DEMOLISHER WHO PURCHASES OR ACQUIRES A VEHICLE OR VEHICLE PART WITH A TOTAL WEIGHT OF TWENTY-FIVE OR MORE POUNDS TO KEEP A PHOTOCOPY OF THE SELLER'S DRIVER'S LICENSE OR OTHER GOVERNMENT **PICTURE** IDENTIFICATION CARD THAT SHOWS THE PERSON'S NAME AND ADDRESS AND THE YEAR, MAKE, MODEL. AND IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE VEHICLE, IF AVAILABLE, ALONG WITH ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING FEATURES, AND TO PROVIDE A VIOLATION CONSTITUTES A MISDEMEANOR WITH A FINE NO MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE OR NO MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE SAME SET OF TRANSACTIONS OR IMPRISONED FOR NO MORE THAN SIXTY DAYS, OR BOTH, AND TO ESTABLISH THAT EACH VIOLATION CONSTITUTES A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2009) (Reported by Committee on Judiciary--February 4, 2009) (Favorable with amendments)

S. 198--Senators McConnell and Ford: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 39-5-37, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE USE OF A NAME TO MISREPRESENT THE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF A BUSINESS AS AN UNLAWFUL TRADE PRACTICE, SO AS TO MAKE IT AN UNLAWFUL TRADE PRACTICE TO PUBLISH IN A TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE DATABASE OR A PRINT ADVERTISEMENT AN

# INTENTIONALLY MISLEADING REPRESENTATION OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE BUSINESS.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2009) (Reported by Committee on Judiciary--February 4, 2009) (Favorable with amendments)

S. 245--Senators McConnell and Ford: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-530 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS ADDED BY ACT 361 OF 2008, RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS, TO PERMIT A FAMILY COURT JUDGE TO MAKE AN ORDER FOR CHILD SUPPORT RUN PAST THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN IF THE CHILD IS ENROLLED AND STILL ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL, NOT TO EXCEED HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION OR THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AFTER THE CHILD REACHES NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST.

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S. 278--Senator Alexander: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY BY RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY MAJORITY VOTE TO ALLOW COUNTY OFFICIALS CHARGED WITH COLLECTING TAXES ON REAL PROPERTY FOR PROPERTY TAX YEARS 2008 AND 2009 TO WAIVE OR REDUCE THE PENALTIES FOR LATE PAYMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE RESOLUTION MUST PROVIDE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE WAIVER OR REDUCTION APPLIES.

(Read the first time--January 15, 2009) (Reported by Committee on Finance--February 4, 2009) (Favorable with amendments)

S. 351--Senators Grooms, McConnell and Ford: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 54 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CREATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PORTS AUTHORITY, TO CLARIFY THAT THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE AUTHORITY ARE EXERCISED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TO PROVIDE THAT CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT MUST POSSESS

CERTAIN OUALIFICATIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT CANDIDATES MUST BE SCREENED TO DETERMINE THEY **POSSESS** THE **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS BEFORE THEY MAY SERVE ON THE** BOARD, TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE ONLY FOR CAUSE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD MUST PERFORM AN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW **EXECUTIVE** DIRECTOR. TO **ESTABLISH THAT** DIRECTORS HAVE A DUTY OF GOOD FAITH AND ORDINARY CARE WHEN DISCHARGING DUTIES AS A DIRECTOR, TO PROHIBIT CONFLICT OF INTEREST TRANSACTIONS, TO ESTABLISH A SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PORTS ADVISORY BOARD, AND SET THE MEMBERSHIP, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADVISORY BOARD; TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 54, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2, RELATING TO PORTS AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MUST HIRE AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PORT OPERATIONS AND TO ESTABLISH THE DIRECTOR'S DUTY TO OPERATE THE PORTS IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE MISSION, POLICIES, AND DIRECTION OF THE BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 54-3-140(5), TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MUST ADOPT AN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FOR AUTHORITY **OPERATIONS**; TO **AMEND SECTION** 54-3-140. RELATING TO THE POWERS OF THE PORTS AUTHORITY, BY ADDING TWO NEW ITEMS THAT REQUIRE A LONG-RANGE PORT DEVELOPMENT AND CAPITAL FINANCING PLAN AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE AUTHORITY MUST CONSIDER PUBLIC-PRIVATE **PARTNERSHIPS FOR CURRENT AND OPERATIONS:** TO **AMEND SECTION** 54-3-1040, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT COPIES OF THE STATEMENT **MUST**  $\mathbf{BE}$ **FORWARDED** TO THE **ADVISORY** COMMITTEE AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO AMEND ARTICLE 11, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 54, RELATING TO FINANCIAL MATTERS, BY ADDING SECTION 54-3-1060 TO PROVIDE THAT THE AUTHORITY MUST MAINTAIN A TRANSACTION REGISTER OF ALL FUNDS EXPENDED OVER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

AND MUST MAINTAIN ON ITS INTERNET WEBSITE A COPY OF EACH MONTHLY CREDIT CARD STATEMENT FOR ALL CREDIT CARDS MAINTAINED BY THE AUTHORITY; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 54, BY ADDING ARTICLE 13, RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT, TO REQUIRE REGULAR OVERSIGHT REVIEW OF THE AUTHORITY AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

(Read the first time--January 29, 2009)

(Reported by Committee on Transportation--February 4, 2009)

(Favorable with amendments)

H. 3353--Rep. Harrison: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ADOPT REVISED CODE VOLUME 21 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO THE EXTENT OF ITS CONTENTS, AS THE ONLY GENERAL PERMANENT STATUTORY LAW OF THE STATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2009.

(Read the first time--January 29, 2009) (Reported by Committee on Judiciary--February 4, 2009) (Favorable)

#### CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

S. 305--Senators Cromer, Campsen, Bryant, Bright, Campbell, Peeler, Davis, Fair, Ryberg, L. Martin, McGill, Thomas, Rose, Grooms, Shoopman, Knotts, Rankin and Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT PRESIDENT BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA RESCIND HIS EXECUTIVE ORDERS TO CLOSE THE GUANTANAMO BAY DETENTION FACILITIES SO THAT THE TERRORISTS HOUSED IN THE FACILITIES CAN POSE NO THREAT TO THE UNITED STATES OR THE WORLD AT LARGE AND TO REQUEST THAT DETAINEES NOT BE RELOCATED TO THE UNITED STATES NAVAL CONSOLIDATED BRIG IN CHARLESTON.

(Introduced--January 27, 2009)

(Reported by General Committee--January 29, 2009)

(Favorable)

(Senator Leventis desires to be present.)

H. 3307--Reps. Gunn and Harrell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO INVITE THE HONORABLE BARACK H. OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO ADDRESS THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT ASSEMBLY IN THE CHAMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT A TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT TEMPORE OF THE SENATE.

(Introduced--January 28, 2009) (Polled by Committee on Invitations--February 4, 2009) (Favorable)

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